

## Community Assistance Visits for 2007

Several communities are slated to have their community assistance visit, as required by the National Flood Insurance Program in the upcoming year. The following communities will be contacted by the CAP-SSSE staff member assigned to their community to schedule your initial meeting. It is the hopes of the Flood Mitigation Program to have all initial meetings concluded by the end of March 2007.

- 💧 Aiken County
- 💧 Beaufort County
- 💧 City of Beaufort
- 💧 Charleston County
- 💧 City of Charleston
- 💧 City of Folly Beach
- 💧 City of Isle of Palms
- 💧 Town of Kiawah Island
- 💧 Town of Mount Pleasant
- 💧 City of North Charleston
- 💧 Town of Seabrook Island
- 💧 Town of Sullivans Island
- 💧 Town of Edisto Beach
- 💧 Georgetown County
- 💧 City of Georgetown
- 💧 Greenville County
- 💧 City of Greenville
- 💧 Horry County
- 💧 Town of Conway
- 💧 City of Myrtle Beach
- 💧 Town of North Myrtle Beach
- 💧 Jasper County
- 💧 Lexington County
- 💧 Pickens County
- 💧 Richland County

## Map Modernization

The Map Modernization Staff has been very busy this quarter working with several counties throughout the State. Currently multiple communities are reaching important milestones in the Map Modernization Process.

*Spartanburg County's* newly updated preliminary maps are scheduled to be issued by the end of October 2006.

*Pickens and York Counties* are entering the appeal process concerning the recently released preliminary maps. All appeals and/or protests should be submitted to the State office for review and submission to the study contractor.

*Calhoun and Saluda Counties'* appeal process have come to a conclusion. All communities should receive a Letter of Final Determination from FEMA in the upcoming weeks indicating the final day of the compliance period for these areas.

*Kershaw and Sumter Counties* updated flood insurance studies and floodplain insurance rate maps will become effective in the upcoming quarter. It is vital communities in these counties submit updated floodplain ordinances to the state offices prior to the map effective date published in the Letter of Final Determination distributed by FEMA.

In the upcoming quarter the Map Modernization staff will be contacting several counties to schedule their Scoping Meetings which will kick off the map updating process within them. This includes Charleston, Colleton, Georgetown, and Jasper Counties.

## Call for Abstracts

The South Carolina Association for Hazard Mitigation (SCAHM) will host its annual conference March 7-9, 2007 at the Ocean Drive Beach & Golf Resort in North Myrtle Beach. This call for abstracts seeks a broad range of professionals to discuss the numerous issues regarding hazard mitigation and making South Carolina more disaster resistant.

Everyone wishing to make a presentation must submit an abstract (one page or less) describing the material to be presented along with a brief biography and contact information (address, phone number and e-mail address). Total presentation time is limited to one hour, which will consist of a 50-minute presentation with a 10-minute question and answer period.

Please submit your abstract to Shawn Putnam at [putnams@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:putnams@dnr.sc.gov) no later than **November 15, 2006**. All abstracts will be peer-reviewed and presenters will be notified of acceptance by December 8, 2006. If you have any questions, you may contact Shawn Putnam, SCAHM Executive Director, at the email address above or by phone at (803) 734-0260.

## Mark Your Calendar

The ASFPM 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Gathering will be held the week of June 3-8, 2007 in Norfolk, VA. Please visit their website at [www.floods.org](http://www.floods.org) for the most up-to-date information.

## Questions/Concerns/Future Input

If you have information you would like to be added to future volumes of this newsletter or any concerns, please contact us at [floodmitigation@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:floodmitigation@dnr.sc.gov).